

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1882? My darling Alec:

Your letter this afternoon deeply touched me. Poor fellow how very sad it is his young life out off so short, he, the only comfort of his brother. How very much we have to be thankful for, all our dear ones saved and Mr. C. Johnson must lose every one. Poor boy, I always felt that Mr. Johnson was devoted to you and very grateful for all you have done for him. As for me, I owe him more than to any man except you and Papa. I would I could have done more for him, I would if I had known how. Don't you remember how kind and sympathetic he was in Rome and last winter always ready to help us in every possible way, never thinking of himself if he could be of use. I am so thankful you were in time to see him once more. I told Elsie and Daisy this morning, I wanted to give them his message, but it is so many years according to their childish ideas of time since they saw him that I did not expect them to care. Daisy did not, but as soon as Elsie understood that ii was "my Mr. Johnson, my Mr. Johnson that travelled with us" that was going to Heaven she burst out crying as if her heart would break and it was sometime before I and Susie could quiet her —"I don't want him to go, I don't want him to go, I want to see him again before he dies." Finally we soothed her, but she seemed really very unhappy. I have been watching all day for a telegram about him but have not received any yet. Can he have revived again and is there any hope? Thank you for writing.

Take good care of yourself, you must not be sick yourself, I fear for you too in this hot weather, they say it is 108 in Washington. 2 I believe it was nearly 90 at noon here, but it was cold all night and is cool again now.

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Goodbye my darling, Your, Mabel.